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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) respond to the December 27, 2005 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal, together with a three month extension of time, on June 27, 2006.

Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith for a three (3) month extension of time, from August 27, 2006 (the date an Appeal Brief or other action was due) up to and including November 27, 2006, and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3). Thus, this RCE and Amendment and Response are timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.